

NOTICE TO RETIREES

May 2009

REMINDER--NEXT OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR RETIREES SCHEDULED FOR FALL, 2009

This is a reminder that the EUTF plan year for retirees now is the calendar year, January 1 through December 31 of each year. Retiree Open Enrollment was held in fall 2008 and the next Open Enrollment Period will be scheduled for fall 2009 (specific dates to be announced later). Retiree plan enrollments remain in effect through December 31, 2009.

CURRENT BENEFIT PLANS TO CONTINUE

In order to ensure that all retirees retain coverage under EUTF benefit plans, the Board of Trustees approved a one-month extension of all current benefit plans for the month of July 2009. Due to the severity and complexity of the State's fiscal situation, along with the necessity of sizeable rate increases, the EUTF Board of Trustees has not been able to reach agreement on the rates for certain retirees' plans for the remainder of the year. The Board will continue with month-to-month extensions until final decisions are agreed upon.

RATE INCREASES APPLY ONLY TO RETIREES PAYING PART OF PREMIUM

Beginning July 1, 2009, the EUTF Board has approved premium rate increases for EUTF medical, prescription drug and dental plans. **Please Note: Retirees who pay no premium due to receiving 100% employer paid benefits will continue to pay no premium. Rate increases do not affect most retirees.** Retirees who currently pay a portion of the premium due to date of hire and/or number of years worked before retirement may have increased premiums effective July 1, 2009. The EUTF will notify each retiree who may be affected by premium rate increases. There is no need to contact the EUTF unless you receive a notice.

ACTIVE OPEN ENROLLMENT DELAYED—NO IMPACT ON RETIREES

The open enrollment for **active employees** previously announced for May 18 – June 12, 2009 has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date. The EUTF open enrollment period for active employees will be scheduled only after the Board finalizes the necessary decisions. A separate notice has been posted on the EUTF's web site and provides a full explanation for active employees.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED
AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.**